

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace Paragraph [0033] on page 14 of the instant application with the following:

-- Referring again to FIGURE 3A, through bore 240 may optionally be in fluid communication with the well bore through the exterior of the tool by a drilling fluid pressure control assembly 250. Drilling fluid pressure control assembly 250 is configured to provide for at least a partial diversion of the flow 245 of drilling fluid from the through bore 240 to the well bore and may include substantially any arrangement for selectively opening and closing a fluid passageway disposed between the through bore 240 and the well bore. For example, assembly 250 may include one or more drill bit jets 33 (FIGURE 2), such as are well known in conventional drill bit assemblies, which allow the fluid flow therethrough to be controlled. Alternatively and/or additionally, as shown in FIGURE 3A, assembly 250 may include one or more fluid discharge ports 248 connected to the through bore 240 by one or more outlet passageways 244, each of which includes a valve 246, or a suitable equivalent, disposed therein for controlling the flow of drilling fluid from the through bore 240 to the well bore. --

Please replace the abstract of the disclosure on page 33 of the instant application with the following:

-- A formation fluid sampling tool ~~is provided.~~ ~~The formation fluid sampling tool including[[es]]~~ at least one sample tank mounted in a tool collar. The tool collar includes a through bore and is disposed to be operatively coupled with a drill string such that each sample tank may receive a correspondingly preselected formation fluid sample without removing the drill string from a well bore. At least one of the sample tanks further includes an internal fluid separator movably disposed therein. The separator separates a sample chamber from a pressure balancing chamber in the sample tank. The pressure balancing chamber is disposed to be in fluid communication with drilling fluid exterior thereto. The sampling tool further includes a sample inlet port connected to the sample chamber by an inlet passageway. ~~The sampling tool may be advantageously utilized to A method is also provided for acquire[[ing]]~~ a formation fluid sample from a formation of interest. --